

AGRICULTURE AND LAND STEWARDSHIP DEPARTMENT[21]

Notice of Intended Action

Twenty-five interested persons, a governmental subdivision, an agency or association of 25 or more persons may demand an oral presentation hereon as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)“b.”

Notice is also given to the public that the Administrative Rules Review Committee may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this proposed action under section 17A.8(6) at a regular or special meeting where the public or interested persons may be heard.

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 163.1(1), the Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship hereby gives Notice of Intended Action to amend Chapter 64, “Infectious and Contagious Diseases,” Iowa Administrative Code.

The amendment lowers the age of a slaughtered Cervidae animal that is subject to testing for chronic wasting disease.

Any interested persons may make written suggestions or comments on the proposed amendment on or before August 28, 2012. Written comments should be addressed to Margaret Thomson, Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, Wallace State Office Building, 502 East Ninth Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50319. Comments may be submitted by fax to (515)281-6236 or by e-mail to Margaret.Thomson@IowaAgriculture.gov.

This proposed amendment is subject to the Department’s general waiver provisions.

After analysis and review of this rule making, no adverse impact on jobs has been found.

This amendment is intended to implement Iowa Code section 163.1.

The following amendment is proposed.

Amend subrule 64.106(1) as follows:

64.106(1) *Slaughter establishments.* All slaughtered Cervidae ~~46~~ 12 months of age and older must have brain tissue submitted at slaughter and examined for CWD by an approved laboratory. This brain tissue sample will be obtained by a state or federal meat inspector or accredited veterinarian on the premises at the time of slaughter.